

**INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

INDIANA GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE CENTER  
ROOM C  
302 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2002**

Marsha M. King, R.N., President, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-23-1-5.

Members Present: Marsha M. King, R.N., President  
Laurie F. Peters, R.N., Vice-President  
Darla Jones, L.P.N., Secretary  
Maurene Thomas, RN, Member  
Traci Little, Consumer Member  
Janis Shook, L.P.N., Member  
Mervin Helmuth, R.N., Member

Members Absent: Linda Mann, R.N., Member

Staff Present: Kristen Kelley, Board Director  
Health Professions Bureau  
Jody Edens, Assistant Director  
Health Professions Bureau  
Gordon White, Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda and addendum as amended.

Helmuth/Thomas, 6/0/0

The Board voted to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2002 meeting and February 1, 2002 telephone conference call minutes as corrected.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

Let the record reflect that Traci Little arrived at 8:45 a.m.

## **INDIANA STATE NURSES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Tom Bissonette, Program Director of the Indiana State Nurses Assistance Program (ISNAP) was present. Tom reported that 191 nurses are being actively monitored by ISNAP, with an additional 81 nurses in the intake process. Since July 1, 2001, 69 nurses have signed a recovery monitoring agreement with ISNAP.

ISNAP has had three (3) nurses who are in treatment centers that use methadone as a treatment intervention for chemical dependency. Historically, methadone has been used as a heroin substitute. For these three (3) nurses, it is being used as an opiate substitute, something not yet validated in research literature. Tom stated that ISNAP is an abstinence-based program, so they have been excluding these nurses from ISNAP participation. Tom posed to the Board; Do you want ISNAP to continue excluding nurses that are prescribed methadone as a substitute for opiate addiction?

The Board voted to TABLE Mr. Bissonette's question until next month's meeting.

Tom addressed the students in the audience regarding the program and handed out literature on ISNAP.

## CONSENSUS

### **EDUCATION**

Univeristy of St. Francis, Joliet, IL – Online courses - Mr. Helmuth stated he would like to know if they have been accredited by the State of Illinois. After discussion, the Board requested that a letter be sent to the University indicating they were not comfortable with approving this program.

Vincennes University – Change in curriculum & class size – Letters of concern regarding proposed changes – Those in attendance from Vincennes University were Jana Vieck, Interim Chair of the Jasper program, Julie Herrold, Karen Gines, Chris Ezell, Phillip Pierpont, and Darrell King. The proposed changes have been submitted because of the NLN accreditation. They have been instructed by NLN that the programs for the Jasper campus and main campus need to have the same curriculum. Laurie Peters expressed concerns about the confusion of clinical and lab hours. She also indicated that it did not look like there were enough hours dedicated to geriatrics and that she did not see physiology listed. Ms. Peters also indicated that she did not see English or communications. The school indicated that these would be incorporated into other courses. Mervin Helmuth indicated that he did not see nutrition and ethics and the school indicated that nutrition is incorporated into other courses and ethics is

incorporated in Issues & Trends. The Board would like for all of this to be clarified and resubmitted. There should be more details provided in the course descriptions.

Ms. King asked the University to address the letters of concern regarding the replacement of Mary Price, Chair. The University's response was that Ms. Price was included, from the very beginning, in preparing all the changes to the curriculum. When the proposal was complete and ready to be signed, Ms. Price refused to sign. The University felt that they could not stand behind a Chair that would not support changes in which she was involved. Therefore, they replaced Ms. Price as Chair. Ms. Price continues to teach at the University.

The Board requested Vincennes University to submit a graph outlining clinical and laboratory hours for each course. They requested a rationale for each change they have submitted in their proposal. They would also like to see a stronger concentration in geriatrics. Mr. Helmuth also pointed out that the ASN program does not have an enrollment cap and he would like to see that added. The Board requested the University submit this additional information to the Health Professions Bureau and once received the Board will review the additional content for their final decision. The Board moved to TABLE this matter until next month.

Jones/Peters, 7/0/0

Indiana University, BSN program – Accelerated BSN Mobility Option – Angela Barron McBride, Ph.D., was present to address the Board. She explained that to enter into the accelerated BSN program, the students must have already met the prerequisites first. There was some confusion on the GPA requirement needed to enter the program and the Board requested that this information be restated for clarity. The Board moved to ACCEPT.

Peters/Helmuth, 7/0/0

## SURVEY VISITS

The Board approved the following survey visits by consensus:

Ivy Tech State College Gary – PN & ASN program – Sandra Horne and Gayle Smith Estes from Ivy Tech State College Gary were present to address the Board. They explained to the Board that the ASN pass rate had slipped due to the low attendance and as the number of students increase, the pass rate figures should be more accurate. It is currently now back up to 90 percent. Both survey visit reports were good. Both programs are on full accreditation.

Valparaiso University – BSN program – Janet Brown from Valparaiso University was present to address the Board. Their pass rate last year was 87 percent and the pass rate this past quarter was 100 percent. They are currently on conditional accreditation. They have a good survey visit report and no unmet. The Board discussed the possibility of

returning them to full accreditation. After the discussion to Board AGREED to return their program to full accreditation status.

## CONSENSUS

Ivy Tech State College Valparaiso – PN program - No representatives were present from Ivy Tech State College Valparaiso. The survey visit was good and there were no unmet. They are on full accreditation.

Ivy Tech State College Muncie – ASN program – This is a fairly new program and they are still on initial accreditation. Nancy White was present to address the Board. Their survey visit report indicated they have two (2) unmet, the first is the library and the second is the examination questions. The library needs more nursing related materials and videos. Since the survey, they have added fourteen (14) reference books and a total of thirteen (13) videos. They have also added three (3) nursing journals and hope to add more in the near future. Their examination questions were physiology related and not knowledge level directed. They need more questions as to what treatment would be expected. They have put together a group of educators to review the questions before and after each examination. They will be using “Beyond Call” a test question guide to writing challenging test questions.

After discussion, the Board placed the program on conditional accreditation and requests a six (6) month update from the program and another survey visit in one (1) year.

Peters/Thomas, 7/0/0

Ivy Tech State College-Lafayette-PN program – Laurie Peters participated with Paulette Worcester in this survey visit. Laurie indicated that it is a wonderful building. The survey visit was good with no unmet and they are on full accreditation.

## DISCUSSION

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education – Call for Nominations – FYI

## PERSONAL APPEARANCES

### *RENEWAL APPLICANTS*

Cheryl Beaver, RN, License No. 28125454 – Ms. Beaver called to let the Board know she would not be able to appear before the Board concerning a positive response on her renewal application due to a herniated disk. This will be rescheduled for the March meeting.

Mary Ellen Roberts, RN, License No. 28086561 – Practitioner appeared before the Board concerning a positive response on her renewal application and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Roberts was convicted in 2000 of possession of cocaine. She has

nineteen (19) days left of her work release program. She is currently in their recovery program in which she attends one (1) AA/NA meeting a week and one (1) group meeting a week. She has contacted ISNAP for admission to their program. After discussion the Board voted to TABLE until Ms. Robert's obtains a signed contract with ISNAP.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

### ***EXAMINATION APPLICANT***

**Michael Harlan Gilbreath** – Practitioner appeared before the Board concerning a positive response on his examination application and was not represented by counsel. In 1991 Mr. Gilbreath tried to illegally obtain Anabolic Steroids for which he was caught. He is currently working at Methodist Hospital in the adult critical care center. He has never had any problems at work and truly regrets what happened. He indicated to the Board that he has learned a lot from this and has never had any other trouble with the law. After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Mr. Gilbreath to take the examination and to become licensed after successful completion of the examination.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

The following hearings were continued.

**Robin Lynn Mast, LPN, License No. 27034526, Cause No. 2001 NB 078**  
**Warren Scott Frazier, LPN, License No. 28135743, Cause No. 2001 NB 098**

**Marjorie Rose Anderson, RN, License No. 27045058, Cause No. 2001 NB 033**  
Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Administrative Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER.

King/Peters, 7/0/0

**Brenda Louise Wilson, LPN, License No. 27026347, Cause No. 2001 NB 075**  
Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Administrative Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After discussion the Board voted to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER.

King/Thomas, 7/0/0

At the request of Ms. Johnson, the Board agreed to hear the State's witnesses. Mr. Bill E. Bergman, Jr. was sworn in to testify for the State. Ms. Wilson pled guilty to nine (9) counts of theft in a plea agreement. She had admitted to Mr. Bergman that she was stealing blank checks and credit cards from patients in Union Hospital. She took a total of \$15, 607.97 from patients. The Board listened to the evidence presented.

Ms. Wilson appeared before the Board late as she indicated she had gotten lost. After discussion, Ms. Wilson and the Board agreed to proceed with her hearing. Ms. Wilson understood that she would not be able to cross-examine witnesses that had previously testified. The Board voted to REMOVE the NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER.

#### CONSENSUS

Ms. Wilson was not represented by counsel but wished to continue the hearing. She admitted to the Board that everything Mr. Bergman testified to was true. She is not currently employed as a nurse. She attends four (4) AA meetings a week. She is currently on three (3) years probation and is making restitution to her victims. She is on house arrest for six (6) months. She admitted stealing the credit cards to purchase clothes and toys for her children as she was convinced she was dying from drug use. Her Sobriety date is December 28, 2000. After having considered the evidence presented, the testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of two (2) years. After two (2) years the Respondent may seek reinstatement of her license.

King/Helmuth, 5/2/0, with Ms. Thomas and Ms. Peters opposing

**Anita Mahoney Dearing, LPN, License No. 27011839, Cause No. 2002 NB 018**  
Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension and Motion for Order Compelling Addictionology Examination of the Respondent scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Kimberly Brown, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent's contract with ISNAP was closed on January 22, 2002 due to non-compliance. She has not submitted any of her drug screens, therefore the State feels she is not safe to practice and is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

King/Helmuth, 7/0/0

**Linda Shambaugh, RN, License No. 28093726, Cause No. 88 NB 011**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Order to Show Cause scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Kimberly Brown, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent is non-compliant with the terms of her probationary order. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER.

King/Helmuth, 7/0/0

**Mary Ellen Denny, LPN, License No. 27028105, Cause No. 2001 NB 016**

Respondent appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Administrative Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Kimberly Brown, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent was convicted in March 1999 of converting drugs from Hendricks County Hospital. She signed a contract with ISNAP in July 1999. ISNAP terminated her contract due to non-compliance. Her sobriety date is February 1999 and she signed a new contract with ISNAP, but has not gotten her addictionology examination yet. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of six (6) months.

King/Thomas, 7/0/0

After further discussion, the Board voted to order the Respondent to obtain an ADDICTIONOLOGY EXAMINATION prior to requesting reinstatement.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

**Alberta Joan Jeffrey, LPN, License No. 27026818, Cause No. 2002 NB 016**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Georgeanna Orlich, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. In December 1988 the Respondent's license was placed on indefinite suspension. The Board lifted the suspension in 1991 and placed the Respondent's license on probation. The Respondent requested the Board lift her probation in November 2000 but the Board denied her request. The Respondent pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance in Newton Superior Court in 2001. The State feels she is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

**Julie Pearson, LPN, License No. 27035873, Cause No. 2001 NB 068**

Respondent appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Administrative Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Eleanor Finnell, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent pled guilty to theft and possession of a controlled substance. In her criminal order the Respondent agreed to surrender her nursing license for a period of five (5) years beginning June 6, 2001. Her sobriety date is August 28, 2000. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of five (5) years with an effective date of June 6, 2001, and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologists prior to requesting reinstatement..

King/Jones, 7/0/0

**Mark Stephen Phillips, RN, License No. Cause No. 2001 NB 015**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Administrative Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Kimberly Brown, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER.

King/Peters, 7/0/0

**Michelle Ellis, LPN, License No. 27038404, Cause No. 2002 NB 020**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension and Motion for Order Compelling Addictionology Examination of the Respondent scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelette Alexander Veal, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Respondent's husband was sworn in as a witness to testify for the Respondent. The Respondent admitted that she has had a drinking problem since the age of eighteen (18), and that she did divert controlled substances, not for her own use but because she felt the patients were over-medicated. The Respondent surrendered her nursing license in the State of Ohio, and has been indicted in Ohio for diversion of controlled substances. The State feels she is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

King/Thomas, 7/0/0

**Karen Pipes, LPN, License No. 27049379, Cause No. 2001 NB 007**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Order to Show Cause scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent is non-compliant with her terms of Probation. She has not submitted her drug screen for the month of November. The Respondent has also had a positive drug screen for THC. She indicated this was because she had a roommate that constantly smoked marijuana. She indicated to the Board that she does not smoke. The Respondent is also on probation in the State of Kentucky and sends her reports to both States. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to MODIFY the Respondent's current PROBATION ORDER. Along with other terms and conditions, the Respondent must sign a contract with ISNAP.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

**Wendy Jo Williams, LPN, License No. 27049379, Cause No. 2001 NB 007**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Order to Show Cause scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelette Alexander Veal, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER.

King/Thomas, 7/0/0

**Noel Udarbe, RN, License No. 28122897, Cause No. 2001 NB 063**

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by Marcus Gonzales regarding an Administrative Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Ms. Johnson submitted to the Board that the Respondent was not in compliance with the terms of his Probation Order. He has failed to submit quarterly reports. Mr. Gonzales explained to the Board that the Respondent did not intentionally neglect these reports, but that he was incarcerated at the time and that he didn't know what to do. Mr. Udarbe had been sentenced to eight (8) years in prison for sexual misconduct/battery. The Appeals court reversed the decision, after Mr. Udarbe had already served one (1) year. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to CONTINUE the Respondent's PROBATION ORDER as is.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

**Marsha Ann Selke, RN, License No. 28090573, Cause No. 2002 NB 023**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in

for this matter was Lori Keen. The State's witnesses sworn in to testify were Sanchetta Chambers, Brandy Harper and William Norman. Each witness testified that the Respondent, while in the restroom, at work, injected herself with 4cc's of Depervan. Mr. Norman, testified that after an investigation, the Respondent had diverted the Depervan from her employer. The State feels she is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

King/Shook, 7/0/0

**Joan E. Dyben, LPN, License No. 27040050, Cause No. 2001 NB 083**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Administrative Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Eleanor Finnell, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent was terminated from Parkview Hospital in April 1999 for diverting controlled substances. On January 25, 2000 the Respondent was charged with four (4) counts of possession of a controlled substance, which she diverted from her employer. The Respondent agreed to enter a treatment program to avoid criminal charges. She completed a drug treatment program in Fort Wayne, Indiana and has completed all her probation terms. Her sobriety date is September 10, 1999. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION with terms and conditions. Respondent may seek reinstatement once she successfully fulfills her contract with ISNAP.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

**Rebecca L. Hobbs, LPN, License No. 27016007, Cause No. 2002 NB 019**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension and Motion for Order Compelling Addictionology Examination of Respondent scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Eleanor Finnell, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent was convicted in 2001 for obtaining a controlled substance by misrepresentation. At that time she contacted ISNAP but did not follow through with signing a contract. After several attempts to contact the Respondent, ISNAP closed her file on January 22, 2002. The State feels she is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

King/Thomas, 7/0/0

**Lynnelle Miller, RN, License No. 28074931, Cause No. 2001 NB 030**

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by J. Richard Kiefer regarding an Administrative Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent pled guilty in a settlement agreement to contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The Respondent has agreed to have her license placed on one (1) year probation. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of one (1) year with terms and conditions. After one (1) year the Respondent may seek reinstatement of her license.

King/Helmuth, 7/0/0

**Susan White Smith, RN, License No. 28149221, Cause No. 2002 NB 022**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension and Motion for Order Compelling Addictionology Examination of Respondent scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelette Alexander Veal, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The State's witnesses sworn in to testify were Tom Bissonette, Vicki VanCleave, and Ruthanne Burris. On June 13, 2001 the Respondent tested positive for morphine and codeine in a drug screen ordered by her employer. She was terminated by Riley Hospital due to the positive drug screen. One witness testified she had seen the Respondent take morphine into the restroom before giving the drug to the patient. Another witness testified that the Respondent waited half an hour before getting someone to witness the destruction of excess morphine. Mr. Bissonette testified that ISNAP sent a letter to the Respondent on February 6, 2002 for her to obtain a substance abuse evaluation. The State feels she is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented, the testimony of the witnesses and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days and ordered the Respondent to obtain an examination from a Board certified addictionologist, and to obtain an examination for a physical and send copies of the reports to the Board.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/1, with Ms. Shook abstaining

Let the record reflect that Darla Jones left the meeting.

**Carla Elaine Danielsen, RN, License No. 28133229, Cause No. 2002 NB 012**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Georgeanna Orlich, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent admits she diverted medication and took the paperwork so that the Hospital would not know it was missing. She tested positive on a drug screen for Demerol. The Respondent told the Board she tested positive because she was on prescribed demoral for her pain. Tom Bissonette testified for the

Respondent. He indicated to the Board that the Respondent has been involved with ISNAP since July 2001 and that it has taken a while to get her connected with the appropriate treatment providers. He believes she has a pseudo addiction related to her pain. The State feels she is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented, the testimony of the witnesses and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SYSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send the copy of the report to the Board.

Shook/Thomas, 3/2/1  
with Ms. King and Ms. Little opposing and Mr. Helmuth abstaining

Let the record reflect that Maurene Thomas left the meeting and Darla Jones returned to the meeting.

**Cheryl Ann May, RN, License No. 2811186, Cause No. 1998 NB 003**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The State's witnesses sworn in to testify were Alicia Peacock, LPN and Detective Nolan Banks. In 1998 the Respondent gave a patient 15mg of Roxinal for which the patient was not prescribed and later that day the patient died. It was later discovered that the patient died from an overdose of Roxinal. The Respondent was originally charged with murder, but in a plea bargain the charge was dropped to reckless homicide. She has just recently fulfilled her sentence and has been released from prison. The State feels she is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented, the testimony of the witnesses and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

King/Shook, 6/0/0

**Laura Lee Harrold, LPN, License No. 27037424, Cause No. 2001 NB 092**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Administrative Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The State's witnesses sworn in for this matter were Linda Sarvis, Detective Scott Matzke and Mike Milan. The Respondent was terminated from Red Oaks Facility for diversion of Demerol, she also faxed a fraudulent drug order to a pharmacist. She was also convicted of sexual misconduct with a minor and theft of a credit card. She received a three (3) year suspended sentence for each and three (3) years probation.

The State feels she is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Peters/Helmuth, 5/0/1, with Ms. King abstaining

**Rita Mills Flynn, RN, License No. 28090310, Cause No. 2002 NB 020**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The State's witnesses sworn in for the matter were Lisa Eldridge, RN and William Norman. The Respondent's witness sworn in for this matter was Tom Bissonette. The Respondent originally appeared before the Board in 1988 where she surrendered her license for two (2) years. Her license was reinstated in 1990. After an investigation at her workplace, the Respondent was terminated for diversion of morphine, which she used for herself. The Respondent has a sobriety day of January 15, 2002. Tom Bissonette testified that the Respondent is in the process of signing a contract with ISNAP. The state feels she is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented, the testimony of the witnesses and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

King/Peters, 6/0/0

**Sherry Goodman Jones, RN, License No. 28129837, Cause No. 2002 NB 024**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension and Motion for Order Compelling Addictionology Examination of Respondent scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Kimberly Brown and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent's witness sworn in for this matter was Tom Bissonette. The Respondent is a traveling nurse. She has had several jobs in Indiana in which she was terminated from for diversion. She admitted to the Board that she was impaired while on the job. The Respondent's license has been suspended in the State of Vermont for diversion and use of controlled substances. Respondent also has criminal charges pending in the State of Vermont. Respondent also failed to answer truthfully on her recent renewal application about these incidents. Mr. Bissonette testified that the Respondent signed a contract with ISNAP on February 19, 2002. The State feels the Respondent is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

Jones/King, 6/0/0

**John Michael Meehan, RN, License No. 28152300, Cause No. 2002 NB 025**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension and Motion for Order Compelling Addictionology Examination of Respondent scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Eleanor Finnell, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The State's witness sworn in for this matter was Lieutenant Denny Luken. The Respondent is also licensed in Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio. During an investigation Mr. Luken testified that there were drugs missing from facilities in which Mr. Meehan was employed. The Lieutenant also testified that the Respondent was sending drugs through the U.S. mail to his brother in California, who subsequently died of a drug overdose. They also found e-mails on the Respondent's computer explaining to his brother that the drugs were in the mail and how to dispose of the syringes. The Respondent is currently incarcerated in Dayton, Ohio for one (1) count of diversion. The State feels he is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

King/Shook, 6/0/0

**Pamela B. Ritchie, LPN, License No. 27042897, Cause No. 2002 NB 027**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The State's witnesses sworn in for this matter were Wendy Varvour, Krista Barrett, and Cheryl Bachynski. The Respondent failed to pass medications to patients at three (3) different facilities in February and March 2001. The Respondent has been a nurse for six (6) years and has never had a complaint about her performance until now. The State feels she is a clear and immediate danger to the public. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to DENY the petition for SUMMARY SUSPENSION, as they do not feel she is an immediate danger.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

**Shannon Rae Simmons, LPN, License No. 27038030, Cause No. 2001 NB 070**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default and Renewal Application scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent did respond in a timely manner to the Notice of Proposed Default. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted that the Respondent's license should NOT BE HELD IN DEFAULT and that this matter should be scheduled for a hearing.

King/Helmuth, 6/0/0

**Lu Anne Williams, LPN, License No. 27040335, Cause No. 2001 NB 055**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default and Response scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The respondent did respond in a timely manner to the Notice of Proposed Default. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted that the Respondent's license should NOT BE HELD IN DEFAULT and that this matter should be scheduled for a hearing.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

**Ricky Allen Vaughn, LPN, License No. 27030455, Cause No. 2001 NB 064**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

King/Shook, 6/0/0

After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of five (5) years. After five (5) years the Respondent may seek reinstatement of his license.

King/Shook, 6/0/0

**Jenny Delaine Gillespie, LPN, License No. 27046908, Cause No. 2001 NB 032**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Kimberly Brown, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

King/Shook, 6/0/0

After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of five (5) years. After five (5) years the Respondent may seek reinstatement of her license.

King/Shook, 6/0/0

**Rhonda Diane Allen, LPN, License No. 27029403, Cause No. 2001 NB 077**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelette Alexander Veal, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter, the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

The Respondent was charged with theft, she stole cigarettes and left a restaurant without paying her bill. After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of three (3) years. After three (3) years the Respondent may seek reinstatement of her license.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

**Susan Elaine Hall, LPN, License No. 27018462, Cause No. 2001 NB 038**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelette Alexander Veal, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter, the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

The Respondent pled guilty to obtaining a prescription by fraud. After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of five (5) years. After five (5) years the Respondent may seek reinstatement of her license.

King/Helmuth, 6/0/0

**Barbara Ellen Snyder, LPN, License No. 27031476, Cause No. 2001 NB 078**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter, the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

King/Helmuth, 6/0/0

The Respondent is incarcerated for the next six (6) years for dealing in controlled substances. After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of five (5) years. After five (5) years the Respondent may seek reinstatement of her license.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

**Kathy J. Sanders, LPN, License No. 27030997, Cause No. 2001 NB 078**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelette Alexander Veal, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter, the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of five (5) years. After five (5) years the Respondent may seek reinstatement of her license.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

**Jill Suzanne Long, RN, License No. 28127129, Cause No. 2001 NB 073**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter, the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of five (5) years. After five (5) years the Respondent may seek reinstatement of her license.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

**Dennis Ray Thompson, LPN, License No. 27044408, Cause No. 2001 NB 026**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelette Alexander Veal, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter

sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter, the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of five (5) years. After five (5) years the Respondent may seek reinstatement of his license.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

**Cynthia Charlene Thomas, RN, License No. 28145710, Cause No. 2001 NB 031**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter, the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of five (5) years. After five (5) years the Respondent may seek reinstatement of her license.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

**APPLICATIONS**

Yvonne Hassel – RN by examination – After reviewing Ms. Hassel's file the Board approved her to take the examination.

Sabrina Ramirez, RN, -Request to appeal denial of her renewal application – After reviewing the information concerning Ms. Ramirez's renewal application, the Board approved her for renewal.

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board approved the following ALJ recommendations submitted by Celinda Kay Leach, R.N. from the January 8, 2002 hearings:

Laura Christensen Tyler, LPN  
Linda Norborg Kusz, RN  
Mary Elaine Shank, RN  
Bret D. Shaw, RN

Jill Marie Humbel, LPN  
Darci Kay Cuffe, LPN  
Deboarh L. Lynch, LPN

The following ALJ hearing will be rescheduled as the Respondent responded to the notice of proposed dismissal.

Veronica Lee Hedges, LPN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 a.m.

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Marsha M. King, R.N., President

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Darla Jones, L.P.N., Secretary